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Fraud Investigation Report Summary October – December 2000

In California, fraud prevention and detection is an integral part of the overall management of public assistance programs. The fraud prevention program is administered at the local level by 58 county welfare departments. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is responsible for developing regulations and disseminating policy information/interpretation to local entities. Within the county welfare departments, the income maintenance units have primary responsibility for determining eligibility and computing grant amounts. If fraud is suspected, the case is referred for investigation to the Special Investigative Unit (SIU). At the discretion of the county, the SIU may be placed in the county welfare department or within another county law enforcement agency such as the District Attorney's or Sheriff's Office. It is the responsibility of the SIU to conduct an investigation of such cases for the purpose of establishing whether or not evidence exists to support a charge of welfare fraud.

The Fraud Investigation Report provides statewide and county-specific fraud activity data on the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and Food Stamp programs. Investigation activity by the SIUs is reflected in this report. Data shown represents the most current statistics available at the time of publication.

The following four reports are the data sources for this publication, and are available on the CDSS Research and Development Division (RADD) external web site at <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research>.

- DPA 266 - Fraud Investigation Activity Report
(October 2000, November 2000 and December 2000 dated August 8, 2001)
- CA 237 CalWORKs - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement and Expenditures Report
(October 2000 dated March 23, 2001; November 2000 dated March 13, 2001; and December 2000 dated March 16, 2001)
- CA 237 FC - Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Foster Care (FC) Caseload Movement and Expenditures Report
(October 2000 dated January 19, 2001; November 2000 dated February 5, 2001; and December 2000 dated March 12, 2001)
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Coupon Issuance Report
(October 2000 dated January 24, 2001; November 2000 dated February 26, 2001; and December 2000 dated April 2, 2001)

Unless otherwise stated, each data item in the publication is a quarterly rollup of three months of data from the DPA 266 – Fraud Investigation Activity Report.

CalWORKs Statewide Highlights

October – December 2000

Investigation Requests

- 53,760 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 17,920 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 3% of the 638,712 CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during October – December 2000).
- 52,337 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 97% of the 53,760 investigation requests received.
 - 29,942 (57%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program (EFP/D) requests.
 - 10,216 (19%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - 7,127 (14%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, homeless assistance, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced warrants, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 5,052 (10%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 148,182 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - 95,845 (65%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from September 2000).
 - 52,337 (35%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 49,732 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 34% of the 148,182 total investigations available.
 - 17,046 (34%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - 32,686 (66%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 49,732 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - 7,669 (15%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 4,372 (9%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 2,676 (5%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 1,796 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - 1,580 (3%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - 1,517 (3%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - 458 (1%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 49,732 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 6,194 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - 4,661 (75%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from September 2000).
 - 1,533 (25%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- Of the 6,194 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter,
 - 1,109 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 18% of the available prosecution referrals.
 - 1,100 **convictions** were obtained. This is 18% of the available prosecution referrals.

Overpayments and Collections

- \$9,004,932 **fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- \$6,919,545 **collections** were made during the quarter.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights October – December 2000

Investigation Requests

- 70,674 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 23,558 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 4% of the 656,779 Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during October – December 2000).
- 69,143 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 70,674 investigation requests received.
 - 39,572 (58%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program (EFP/D) requests.
 - 14,691 (21%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - 9,110 (13%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced Food Stamps, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 5,770 (8%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 178,884 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - 109,741 (61%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from September 2000).
 - 69,143 (39%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 64,495 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 36% of the 178,884 total investigations available.
 - 21,845 (34%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - 42,650 (66%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 64,495 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - 10,499 (16%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 5,394 (8%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 2,941 (5%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 2,486 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - 1,745 (3%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - 1,448 (2%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - 481 (1%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 64,495 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 6,054 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - 4,357 (72%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from September 2000).
 - 1,697 (28%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.

Of the 6,054 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter,

- 1,188 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 20% of the available prosecution referrals.
- 1,157 **convictions** were obtained. This is 19% of the available prosecution referrals.

Overissuances and Collections

- \$7,598,014 **fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- \$2,061,536 **collections** were made during the quarter.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units**October – December 2000**

Below is a listing of the locations of each county's Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Unit(s).

County	County Welfare Department	District Attorney's Office	County Welfare Department and District Attorney's Office	Sheriff's Office
Statewide	28	19	9	2
Alameda			✓	
Alpine	✓			
Amador	✓			
Butte		✓		
Calaveras			✓	
Colusa		✓		
Contra Costa			✓	
Del Norte	✓			
El Dorado	✓			
Fresno		✓		
Glenn	✓			
Humboldt	✓			
Imperial		✓		
Inyo		✓		
Kern		✓		
Kings	✓			
Lake				✓
Lassen				✓
Los Angeles			✓	
Madera		✓		
Marin	✓			
Mariposa	✓			
Mendocino	✓			
Merced			✓	
Modoc		✓		
Mono		✓		
Monterey			✓	
Napa	✓			
Nevada	✓			
Orange		✓		
Placer	✓			
Plumas	✓			
Riverside	✓			
Sacramento	✓			
San Benito	✓			
San Bernardino	✓			
San Diego		✓		
San Francisco		✓		
San Joaquin			✓	
San Luis Obispo	✓			
San Mateo	✓			
Santa Barbara		✓		
Santa Clara		✓		
Santa Cruz	✓			
Shasta		✓		
Sierra	✓			
Siskiyou		✓		
Solano	✓			
Sonoma	✓			
Stanislaus	✓			
Sutter			✓	
Tehama		✓		
Trinity	✓			
Tulare		✓		
Tuolumne	✓			
Ventura		✓		
Yolo			✓	
Yuba	✓			

CalWORKs

Tables

TABLE 1
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
October – December 2000

County	CalWORKs Caseload ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	638,712	53,760	52,337	49,732	17,046	32,686	98,323
Alameda	23,756	1,013	991	1,853	747	1,106	4,859
Alpine	36	5	5	3	0	3	15
Amador	293	36	36	47	17	30	137
Butte	5,698	426	235	834	83	751	1,523
Calaveras	613	192	192	192	58	134	2
Colusa	228	11	11	6	2	4	105
Contra Costa	11,133	464	407	498	259	239	493
Del Norte	1,020	46	46	54	29	25	7
El Dorado	1,328	191	191	247	132	115	358
Fresno	26,431	1,185	951	1,515	922	593	5,013
Glenn	638	127	127	140	34	106	23
Humboldt	2,986	140	136	151	48	103	225
Imperial	4,652	195	193	175	152	23	328
Inyo	259	1	1	0	0	0	15
Kern	19,497	3,741	3,683	3,434	928	2,506	1,282
Kings	2,628	620	620	609	128	481	402
Lake	2,063	88	88	39	22	17	157
Lassen	590	19	19	41	8	33	51
Los Angeles	248,927	15,681	15,508	12,241	3,512	8,729	39,819
Madera	3,381	528	528	638	31	607	488
Marin	937	82	82	57	45	12	221
Mariposa	210	18	18	12	2	10	59
Mendocino	2,349	79	79	128	72	56	251
Merced	6,583	585	585	629	180	449	448
Modoc	244	70	70	81	4	77	1
Mono	66	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	5,133	254	254	191	73	118	2,032
Napa	615	17	17	3	3	0	307
Nevada	640	41	30	23	15	8	49
Orange	23,055	2,710	2,521	2,540	1,634	906	3,123
Placer	1,736	75	75	62	24	38	255
Plumas	258	22	22	29	22	7	1
Riverside	24,967	6,111	6,111	6,191	1,684	4,507	875
Sacramento	37,378	1,394	1,285	1,613	701	912	4,677
San Benito	566	23	23	32	13	19	20
San Bernardino	43,066	4,492	4,489	2,987	840	2,147	10,699
San Diego	35,116	5,146	4,823	4,677	1,495	3,182	2,584
San Francisco	8,074	360	360	447	262	185	1,652
San Joaquin	15,355	237	237	229	138	91	338
San Luis Obispo	2,132	135	133	140	80	60	123
San Mateo	2,115	203	203	189	69	120	72
Santa Barbara	5,066	215	209	241	72	169	222
Santa Clara	13,355	388	388	170	152	18	6,466
Santa Cruz	2,073	639	636	644	75	569	66
Shasta	4,337	320	320	313	177	136	770
Sierra	36	6	6	0	0	0	8
Siskiyou	1,050	291	291	305	103	202	45
Solano	5,228	938	919	971	440	531	1,602
Sonoma	3,077	240	236	217	127	90	1,647
Stanislaus	10,069	886	873	853	552	301	1,101
Sutter	1,404	209	209	225	72	153	123
Tehama	1,514	39	39	44	5	39	594
Trinity	299	74	74	80	56	24	30
Tulare	12,021	1,736	1,736	1,651	314	1,337	1,953
Tuolumne	935	187	187	241	85	156	158
Ventura	6,419	159	159	158	76	82	111
Yolo	2,737	219	219	200	88	112	298
Yuba	2,341	451	451	442	184	258	40

a/ Effective with the October 1999 report month, the source form (CA 237 CalWORKs) was changed to collect families data from Two Parent Families, Zero Parent Families and All Other Families. Foster Care caseload data from the CA 237 FC is also included. The data is a monthly average for the quarter. NOTE: County numbers do not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 December 2000 Item 7 Investigations pending at end of month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the *beginning* of the quarter, from DPA 266 October 2000 Item 4, was 95,845.

TABLE 2
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
October – December 2000

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	29,942	10,216	5,052	1,742	1,116	550	3,719
Alameda	432	159	136	63	21	16	164
Alpine	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	1	7	3	7	3	0	15
Butte	43	11	59	39	14	3	66
Calaveras	144	0	24	7	5	3	9
Colusa	0	0	2	6	0	0	3
Contra Costa	182	73	8	39	0	7	98
Del Norte	15	0	10	4	7	1	9
El Dorado	27	17	49	44	13	4	37
Fresno	405	201	179	75	20	0	71
Glenn	57	1	22	17	11	0	19
Humboldt	50	1	51	11	2	0	21
Imperial	113	1	27	16	25	5	6
Inyo	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kern	1,787	15	373	47	41	32	1,388
Kings	515	4	49	16	23	5	8
Lake	5	5	46	14	12	3	3
Lassen	1	1	8	1	3	3	2
Los Angeles	7,598	6,726	348	144	0	111	581
Madera	471	20	19	5	6	0	7
Marin	7	37	5	5	2	3	23
Mariposa	10	4	1	0	1	0	2
Mendocino	11	39	17	4	0	1	7
Merced	381	49	54	24	23	9	45
Modoc	2	0	20	17	7	10	14
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	96	42	31	10	10	3	62
Napa	0	0	4	5	3	1	4
Nevada	14	1	8	3	3	1	0
Orange	1,780	603	32	49	0	2	55
Placer	20	6	25	11	8	4	1
Plumas	4	11	7	0	0	0	0
Riverside	5,365	78	494	46	6	10	112
Sacramento	857	200	51	41	17	5	114
San Benito	4	1	5	6	0	1	6
San Bernardino	1,546	108	1,591	339	573	158	174
San Diego	4,046	446	128	111	15	14	63
San Francisco	118	173	7	10	1	3	48
San Joaquin	149	38	16	7	0	0	27
San Luis Obispo	35	1	50	31	3	1	12
San Mateo	24	44	33	53	3	0	46
Santa Barbara	39	8	55	34	4	7	62
Santa Clara	152	104	50	36	6	4	36
Santa Cruz	305	291	21	9	0	8	2
Shasta	107	13	137	29	23	3	8
Sierra	0	4	0	1	0	1	0
Siskiyou	91	0	69	9	53	36	33
Solano	639	131	66	37	15	2	29
Sonoma	64	78	18	9	2	36	29
Stanislaus	145	290	269	72	60	8	29
Sutter	152	4	19	10	10	2	12
Tehama	11	3	15	3	1	2	4
Trinity	28	6	8	9	7	6	10
Tulare	1,282	99	214	72	21	9	39
Tuolumne	144	13	14	10	3	2	1
Ventura	126	0	15	8	0	0	10
Yolo	106	41	32	15	6	2	17
Yuba	231	8	57	52	24	3	76

a/ "Other" includes homeless assistance, duplicate warrants, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 3
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
October – December 2000

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	7,669	1,580	458	4,372	1,796	2,676	1,517
Alameda	261	282	0	158	1	45	565
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	3	0	0	4	8	1	0
Butte	41	17	0	14	8	3	377
Calaveras	46	0	0	1	11	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Contra Costa	44	30	14	60	5	104	61
Del Norte	6	1	0	0	15	7	0
El Dorado	2	11	0	20	13	86	0
Fresno	219	148	310	142	100	3	230
Glenn	9	1	0	13	11	0	0
Humboldt	22	5	0	14	12	6	0
Imperial	10	2	0	2	18	5	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	541	16	4	31	148	188	1
Kings	108	6	0	1	8	5	0
Lake	0	7	0	7	9	8	0
Lassen	2	0	0	0	6	0	0
Los Angeles	1,537	249	0	924	176	1,371	0
Madera	0	8	0	7	11	5	0
Marin	2	1	0	29	17	8	0
Mariposa	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mendocino	3	5	0	49	1	14	5
Merced	43	58	0	53	94	7	0
Modoc	0	1	0	0	3	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	36	8	1	6	20	2	0
Napa	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
Nevada	7	0	0	5	3	0	0
Orange	597	41	11	724	300	161	3
Placer	5	5	0	4	9	1	0
Plumas	2	0	0	10	4	6	0
Riverside	1,458	74	0	139	0	13	0
Sacramento	339	102	0	195	50	15	203
San Benito	2	1	0	1	8	1	0
San Bernardino	228	76	11	201	255	215	0
San Diego	862	51	76	562	30	71	0
San Francisco	76	69	0	68	20	0	2
San Joaquin	89	38	0	6	9	7	15
San Luis Obispo	22	8	0	8	30	11	2
San Mateo	25	9	0	24	5	6	0
Santa Barbara	12	20	0	36	38	3	1
Santa Clara	21	59	0	72	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	55	5	0	13	2	0	0
Shasta	48	14	0	8	39	68	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	22	0	0	15	56	10	0
Solano	240	41	0	131	5	23	7
Sonoma	55	7	10	134	20	53	2
Stanislaus	65	10	21	322	172	42	1
Sutter	46	0	0	7	0	21	0
Tehama	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	18	0	0	10	12	16	0
Tulare	210	29	0	73	0	2	41
Tuolumne	41	2	0	11	15	24	1
Ventura	72	4	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	21	35	0	14	6	20	0
Yuba	91	21	0	44	11	17	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 1.

TABLE 4
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
October – December 2000

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	1,533	6,194	1,109	126
Alameda	282	609	183	10
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	1	25	0	0
Butte	8	163	9	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	21	68	16	0
Del Norte	1	46	0	0
El Dorado	5	5	5	0
Fresno	148	196	136	3
Glenn	1	4	1	0
Humboldt	6	7	6	0
Imperial	3	27	4	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0
Kern	16	68	15	4
Kings	6	27	9	4
Lake	0	103	2	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	249	517	134	19
Madera	8	8	8	0
Marin	1	1	1	0
Mariposa	0	3	0	0
Mendocino	5	15	0	0
Merced	58	485	6	0
Modoc	1	1	0	0
Mono	0	1	0	0
Monterey	8	41	5	0
Napa	2	42	3	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Orange	48	81	32	6
Placer	5	135	2	0
Plumas	0	14	1	0
Riverside	67	87	50	2
Sacramento	102	422	62	4
San Benito	1	2	0	1
San Bernardino	76	493	59	0
San Diego	48	546	62	0
San Francisco	69	163	5	66
San Joaquin	38	76	31	2
San Luis Obispo	8	8	8	0
San Mateo	8	46	11	0
Santa Barbara	25	25	23	2
Santa Clara	59	1,023	72	0
Santa Cruz	5	5	5	0
Shasta	14	22	14	0
Sierra	0	1	0	0
Siskiyou	0	2	0	0
Solano	41	392	25	2
Sonoma	7	22	8	0
Stanislaus	10	10	10	0
Sutter	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	3	1	1
Tulare	29	52	40	0
Tuolumne	2	10	2	0
Ventura	4	14	0	0
Yolo	35	35	35	0
Yuba	2	43	8	0

a/ Data is from DPA 266 October 2000 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus October, November, December 2000's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 5
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
October – December 2000

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	1,100	118	157	146	136	0	27	63
Alameda	173	46	122	0	60	0	10	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	4	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	23	0	0	23	0	0	5	61
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	71	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	8	0	7	0	2	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	19	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Kings	7	0	2	0	2	0	2	0
Lake	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
Lassen	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	129	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Madera	10	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
Marin	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	9	0	0	9	9	0	0	0
Merced	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	5	9	0	0	0
Napa	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	29	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Placer	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	67	0	0	88	1	0	0	0
Sacramento	46	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
San Benito	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	78	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
San Diego	108	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
San Francisco	8	64	0	0	1	0	1	1
San Joaquin	32	0	0	0	4	0	1	1
San Luis Obispo	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	13	2	3	0	2	0	0	0
Santa Clara	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Shasta	15	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	41	0	0	0	11	0	2	0
Sonoma	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	28	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Tulare	34	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	27	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Yuba	4	0	17	6	0	0	0	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 6
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD OVERPAYMENTS AND COLLECTIONS
October – December 2000

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$9,004,932	\$6,919,545
Alameda	1,736,832	382,543
Alpine	0	0
Amador	2,299	190
Butte	1,127	21,568
Calaveras	351	2,860
Colusa	0	316
Contra Costa	133,893	102,444
Del Norte	0	8,872
El Dorado	25,536	44,470
Fresno	241,700	221,492
Glenn	7,570	14,821
Humboldt	12,754	12,126
Imperial	14,773	21,195
Inyo	0	345
Kern	187,195	136,522
Kings	24,940	55,258
Lake	43,611	4,248
Lassen	2,231	2,662
Los Angeles	1,472,998	2,266,926
Madera	30,686	23,455
Marin	14,513	39,068
Mariposa	0	0
Mendocino	67,532	14,551
Merced	59,215	5,596
Modoc	450	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	30,602	73,682
Napa	2,039	6,520
Nevada	6,338	6,282
Orange	424,613	225,697
Placer	7,931	46,651
Plumas	2,305	3,527
Riverside	233,124	253,904
Sacramento	808,741	432,249
San Benito	6,112	15,917
San Bernardino	353,795	342,307
San Diego	588,038	563,695
San Francisco	119,975	263,107
San Joaquin	119,053	63,500
San Luis Obispo	39,596	5,356
San Mateo	53,445	4,058
Santa Barbara	51,021	169,512
Santa Clara	986,837	414,728
Santa Cruz	12,375	49,224
Shasta	45,369	14,807
Sierra	230	782
Siskiyou	24,000	32,000
Solano	352,147	121,889
Sonoma	91,250	55,031
Stanislaus	158,127	118,621
Sutter	5,901	4,910
Tehama	0	2,804
Trinity	2,923	1,402
Tulare	276,940	0
Tuolumne	12,594	8,867
Ventura	0	131,618
Yolo	83,932	67,167
Yuba	25,373	38,203

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TABLE 7
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
October – December 2000

County	Participating Households ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	656,779	70,674	69,143	64,495	21,845	42,650	114,251
Alameda	22,126	1,088	1,066	1,873	776	1,097	2,444
Alpine	30	10	10	3	0	3	29
Amador	336	42	42	52	22	30	148
Butte	6,037	383	190	823	80	743	1,581
Calaveras	681	304	304	304	89	215	4
Colusa	341	25	25	18	2	16	150
Contra Costa	8,917	466	435	518	284	234	530
Del Norte	1,206	71	71	85	50	35	8
El Dorado	1,460	266	266	332	172	160	432
Fresno	23,565	1,311	1,071	1,357	964	393	2,606
Glenn	693	238	238	209	64	145	133
Humboldt	3,746	252	241	265	78	187	246
Imperial	5,457	244	242	220	194	26	351
Inyo	417	4	4	10	6	4	146
Kern	17,475	4,313	4,254	4,003	1,094	2,909	1,319
Kings	3,448	904	904	896	178	718	468
Lake	2,436	112	112	44	24	20	202
Lassen	677	21	21	45	9	36	69
Los Angeles	269,101	23,291	23,047	17,996	4,310	13,686	53,015
Madera	4,092	718	718	966	46	920	433
Marin	1,471	120	120	73	56	17	297
Mariposa	300	29	29	16	4	12	100
Mendocino	2,478	111	111	170	69	101	287
Merced	7,079	806	806	866	234	632	299
Modoc	301	102	102	117	7	110	0
Mono	95	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	5,356	312	311	231	85	146	1,762
Napa	738	22	22	4	4	0	408
Nevada	720	54	40	35	21	14	72
Orange	23,201	2,992	2,789	2,833	2,009	824	3,002
Placer	1,557	95	95	86	40	46	277
Plumas	253	27	27	34	26	8	6
Riverside	21,412	9,083	9,083	9,150	2,722	6,428	1,026
Sacramento	34,702	1,139	1,114	1,498	664	834	5,070
San Benito	576	20	20	27	11	16	31
San Bernardino	43,611	5,118	5,114	3,521	1,088	2,433	12,634
San Diego	30,863	5,005	4,577	4,393	1,701	2,692	3,182
San Francisco	12,671	1,081	1,081	1,223	799	424	3,314
San Joaquin	14,758	241	241	211	146	65	358
San Luis Obispo	2,620	178	176	187	103	84	166
San Mateo	1,877	312	312	249	77	172	203
Santa Barbara	5,145	274	267	311	89	222	185
Santa Clara	13,042	325	325	164	147	17	6,976
Santa Cruz	2,611	1,036	1,033	1,061	165	896	76
Shasta	5,308	495	495	480	254	226	925
Sierra	41	6	6	1	1	0	9
Siskiyou	1,293	575	575	586	187	399	60
Solano	4,887	1,168	1,147	1,196	463	733	2,053
Sonoma	3,380	306	303	324	181	143	2,068
Stanislaus	10,266	1,089	1,072	1,031	671	360	1,352
Sutter	1,468	348	348	349	107	242	136
Tehama	1,779	41	41	44	5	39	494
Trinity	325	83	83	100	58	42	32
Tulare	14,180	2,297	2,297	2,143	457	1,686	2,054
Tuolumne	925	359	359	404	146	258	240
Ventura	8,093	308	307	373	176	197	279
Yolo	2,668	429	429	371	139	232	461
Yuba	2,490	625	625	614	291	323	43

a/ Data is the monthly average of the October-December 2000 quarter of Federal and State Public Assistance and Nonassistance Food Stamp participating households from the DFA 256 report. NOTE: County numbers do not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 December 2000 Item 7 Investigations pending at the end of the month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the beginning of the quarter from DPA 266 October 2000 Item 4 was 109,741.

TABLE 8
Food Stamp Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
October – December 2000

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	39,572	14,691	5,770	2,101	1,319	682	5,008
Alameda	480	173	117	81	16	15	184
Alpine	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	1	7	3	10	2	1	18
Butte	39	11	57	41	15	3	24
Calaveras	250	0	28	9	5	4	8
Colusa	0	0	3	7	1	0	14
Contra Costa	150	98	6	44	0	7	130
Del Norte	22	0	12	8	12	1	16
El Dorado	50	27	61	56	18	10	44
Fresno	464	230	196	78	20	0	83
Glenn	136	7	31	24	16	0	24
Humboldt	49	1	82	14	3	1	91
Imperial	151	1	31	17	28	8	6
Inyo	0	1	2	0	0	1	0
Kern	1,803	17	393	49	42	33	1,917
Kings	762	6	51	19	23	7	36
Lake	7	11	49	16	17	6	6
Lassen	1	1	8	2	3	4	2
Los Angeles	11,632	9,889	393	305	0	149	679
Madera	658	23	20	6	6	0	5
Marin	9	47	7	5	6	3	43
Mariposa	19	4	2	0	1	1	2
Mendocino	14	62	20	6	0	1	8
Merced	569	82	58	27	34	4	32
Modoc	7	0	26	19	17	11	22
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	97	62	30	10	11	3	98
Napa	0	0	6	7	3	1	5
Nevada	21	2	6	7	3	1	0
Orange	1,943	754	28	48	0	3	13
Placer	27	9	25	12	16	4	2
Plumas	4	12	11	0	0	0	0
Riverside	7,851	112	895	53	7	13	152
Sacramento	723	209	52	44	22	7	57
San Benito	6	2	4	5	0	1	2
San Bernardino	1,899	143	1,691	370	646	187	178
San Diego	3,674	621	99	121	15	13	34
San Francisco	217	443	7	10	10	3	391
San Joaquin	152	45	15	8	0	1	20
San Luis Obispo	40	3	55	42	4	6	26
San Mateo	32	49	30	57	3	2	139
Santa Barbara	46	7	56	44	5	10	99
Santa Clara	97	104	51	38	5	1	29
Santa Cruz	584	413	14	10	0	8	4
Shasta	256	17	146	33	28	5	10
Sierra	0	4	0	1	0	1	0
Siskiyou	305	0	76	14	83	66	31
Solano	844	156	68	41	16	1	21
Sonoma	73	91	16	8	3	43	69
Stanislaus	175	440	278	87	61	6	25
Sutter	244	7	25	13	17	2	40
Tehama	11	3	15	3	1	2	6
Trinity	40	6	11	11	5	2	8
Tulare	1,652	197	282	77	25	12	52
Tuolumne	299	17	16	19	6	1	1
Ventura	276	0	16	8	2	1	4
Yolo	299	51	32	17	6	2	22
Yuba	402	14	58	40	31	4	76

a/ "Other" includes replaced lost Food Stamps, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 9
Food Stamp Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
October – December 2000

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	10,499	1,745	481	5,394	2,486	2,941	1,448
Alameda	277	293	0	175	5	26	518
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	6	0	0	4	10	1	0
Butte	39	17	0	12	10	2	392
Calaveras	73	0	0	1	15	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Contra Costa	50	25	15	90	4	98	61
Del Norte	12	1	2	2	22	11	2
El Dorado	5	12	0	27	22	106	0
Fresno	250	122	297	181	111	3	83
Glenn	31	2	0	13	17	1	0
Humboldt	33	5	0	27	19	11	0
Imperial	14	2	0	3	21	6	0
Inyo	0	0	0	1	0	4	0
Kern	664	17	4	39	169	201	1
Kings	155	4	0	2	10	7	0
Lake	0	7	0	8	11	8	0
Lassen	2	0	0	0	7	0	0
Los Angeles	1,880	262	0	1,117	330	1,652	0
Madera	0	17	0	10	14	5	0
Marin	3	1	0	35	20	10	0
Mariposa	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mendocino	4	6	0	44	0	15	41
Merced	61	75	0	71	118	4	0
Modoc	3	1	0	0	3	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	41	9	1	9	23	2	0
Napa	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Nevada	10	2	0	5	4	0	0
Orange	843	39	14	810	356	34	3
Placer	13	9	0	4	12	2	0
Plumas	4	0	0	11	5	6	0
Riverside	2,431	82	0	207	0	2	0
Sacramento	347	100	0	154	48	15	192
San Benito	3	0	0	1	6	1	0
San Bernardino	308	80	15	285	369	249	0
San Diego	893	50	93	749	39	59	0
San Francisco	182	175	0	232	161	0	3
San Joaquin	103	37	0	5	7	5	13
San Luis Obispo	26	13	0	12	46	11	2
San Mateo	28	8	0	30	5	6	0
Santa Barbara	15	24	0	45	44	4	1
Santa Clara	24	51	0	72	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	135	7	0	19	4	0	0
Shasta	77	12	0	10	53	102	0
Sierra	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Siskiyou	86	0	0	3	81	17	0
Solano	308	42	0	87	5	21	56
Sonoma	61	7	10	156	26	76	2
Stanislaus	80	11	30	439	175	47	1
Sutter	78	0	0	6	0	24	0
Tehama	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	16	0	0	14	14	14	0
Tulare	311	38	0	106	0	2	67
Tuolumne	91	2	0	12	15	27	3
Ventura	159	17	0	0	0	0	7
Yolo	76	37	0	17	7	23	0
Yuba	181	21	0	31	39	19	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 7.

TABLE 10
Food Stamp Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
October – December 2000

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	1,697	6,054	1,188	229
Alameda	293	581	216	9
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	1	5	0	0
Butte	8	180	9	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	18	63	15	0
Del Norte	1	47	0	0
El Dorado	6	6	6	0
Fresno	122	179	128	3
Glenn	1	2	1	0
Humboldt	7	8	6	0
Imperial	3	28	4	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0
Kern	17	69	18	5
Kings	4	27	10	4
Lake	0	146	2	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	262	741	131	17
Madera	17	17	14	3
Marin	1	1	1	0
Mariposa	0	3	0	0
Mendocino	6	25	0	0
Merced	75	581	6	0
Modoc	1	1	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	9	39	5	0
Napa	2	42	3	0
Nevada	2	2	1	0
Orange	48	89	36	5
Placer	9	166	4	0
Plumas	0	12	1	0
Riverside	78	99	60	6
Sacramento	100	352	63	4
San Benito	0	2	0	0
San Bernardino	80	538	58	0
San Diego	40	440	61	0
San Francisco	175	305	7	164
San Joaquin	37	65	27	2
San Luis Obispo	12	12	12	0
San Mateo	7	41	8	0
Santa Barbara	27	27	25	2
Santa Clara	51	472	75	0
Santa Cruz	7	7	7	0
Shasta	12	21	14	0
Sierra	0	1	0	0
Siskiyou	0	2	0	0
Solano	42	373	23	2
Sonoma	7	23	8	0
Stanislaus	11	11	11	0
Sutter	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	3	1	1
Tulare	38	63	47	0
Tuolumne	2	11	2	0
Ventura	17	39	15	2
Yolo	37	37	37	0
Yuba	4	50	10	0

a/ Data is from DPA 266 October 2000 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus October, November and December 2000's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 11
Food Stamp Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
October – December 2000

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	1,157	223	171	162	147	0	30	63
Alameda	209	52	130	0	75	0	9	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	4	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	21	0	0	21	0	0	3	61
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	63	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	8	0	8	0	2	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kern	20	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Kings	8	0	1	0	1	0	3	0
Lake	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
Lassen	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	124	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Madera	10	1	8	4	0	0	0	0
Marin	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	9	0	0	9	9	0	0	0
Merced	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	4	7	0	0	0
Napa	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Orange	37	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Placer	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	78	0	0	99	2	0	0	0
Sacramento	45	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
San Benito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	80	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
San Diego	102	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
San Francisco	10	161	0	0	2	0	1	2
San Joaquin	29	0	0	0	5	0	4	0
San Luis Obispo	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	18	1	3	1	1	0	0	0
Santa Clara	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Shasta	18	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	37	0	0	0	8	0	2	0
Sonoma	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	29	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Tulare	33	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	11	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Yolo	28	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Yuba	4	0	16	8	0	0	0	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 12
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD OVERISSUANCES AND COLLECTIONS
October – December 2000

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$7,598,014	\$2,061,536
Alameda	808,384	257,000
Alpine	0	0
Amador	288	98
Butte	1,491	15,113
Calaveras	194	3,978
Colusa	0	497
Contra Costa	67,433	9,528
Del Norte	7,769	8,421
El Dorado	30,510	22,490
Fresno	133,335	58,254
Glenn	10,244	8,036
Humboldt	23,179	8,385
Imperial	5,995	0
Inyo	0	6,907
Kern	102,753	78,008
Kings	15,035	32,078
Lake	11,231	1,939
Lassen	1,114	297
Los Angeles	3,711,527	286,104
Madera	47,883	19,098
Marin	7,532	12,424
Mariposa	0	0
Mendocino	31,924	8,193
Merced	68,341	2,001
Modoc	135	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	12,935	35,296
Napa	540	1,834
Nevada	12,291	2,761
Orange	134,620	53,288
Placer	9,734	14,701
Plumas	1,035	1,355
Riverside	225,906	45,910
Sacramento	287,257	164,707
San Benito	1,262	6,169
San Bernardino	212,613	175,958
San Diego	447,611	59,708
San Francisco	141,546	145,677
San Joaquin	56,000	22,173
San Luis Obispo	21,437	2,304
San Mateo	8,439	3,332
Santa Barbara	25,790	64,614
Santa Clara	276,618	49,448
Santa Cruz	15,742	8,961
Shasta	19,492	12,244
Sierra	741	201
Siskiyou	15,950	16,000
Solano	118,947	77,720
Sonoma	37,451	59,158
Stanislaus	186,318	69,755
Sutter	3,134	2,204
Tehama	0	2,052
Trinity	3,876	787
Tulare	161,361	0
Tuolumne	7,959	1,450
Ventura	0	58,592
Yolo	50,636	45,496
Yuba	14,476	18,832